

Participating

Scholarships may be used at a Michigan degree-granting public or nonpublic college, including Focus: Hope.

A complete listing of participating institutions is enclosed.

Special Circumstances

UNEXPECTED THINGS HAPPEN, BUT THERE IS HELP:

If it is necessary that you attend less than half-time or need to interrupt your enrollment, an appeal for award consideration may be made. Your appeal request must precede enrollment in the affected semester/term. If the appeal for leave is for medical reasons, a doctor's statement must be attached.

You must keep SSG informed of any changes in continuous attendance. Failure to notify SSG of an interruption to your enrollment can result in forfeiting this award.

If you have questions, call
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***INFORMATION
YOU NEED
TO KNOW!***

Program

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (**GEAR UP**) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle and high schools. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

GEAR UP MICHIGAN: “Reaching the Urban Centers” targets three urban public school systems: Detroit, Flint, and Muskegon.

Your pursuit of a college degree is an investment you are making in yourself. The Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) can help you achieve your goal, but you must complete the necessary steps to renew your scholarship.



Eligibility

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Have successfully completed the GEAR UP Scholarship six-year program.
- Possess a high school diploma using the Michigan Merit Based Curriculum or GED.
- Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be eligible for a Pell Grant.
- Attend an eligible Michigan school at least half-time.
- Be less than 22 years old.
- Be a resident of Michigan.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Not be incarcerated.
- For renewal, meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy for scholarship continuation.



How to Get Your Scholarship

BEING ELIGIBLE IS THE FIRST STEP. NOW YOU MUST:

- Accept your scholarship by completing the GEAR UP Scholarship Acceptance form and return it by the deadline. (*Remember this must be done for each year you receive a scholarship.*)
- Enroll in an eligible Michigan school at least on a half time basis (6-8 credit hours).
- Notify the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) if you decide to attend a different college.
- You may be eligible to receive four (4) years of a full-time award. Eligibility for your award expires five (5) years from the date of your high school graduation. (*Continuation scholarships will be awarded to each student who received an initial scholarship and who continues to meet the eligibility requirements.*)

Awards are calculated based on the maximum Pell grant amount at the time of your first enrollment.

REMEMBER:

All awards are subject to approved and available funding.

